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Eastshore debate focuses on bulb

■ Build playing fields? Leave it alone? Public meeting hears from various fans of the stretch of

By Clare Curley

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official chance in Berkeley to weigh in on the future of the park, which launched its plan-ning process more than a year

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Albany tackles **Marin Avenue** safety problems

By Alan Lopez

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ther Patterson said Marin Avenue has become a dangerous place in the last 21 years, with too many speeding cars and careless pedestrians.

"When there's a lot of cars and when they're going fast, they don't really slow it down, even if there're pedestrians who want to cross over." Patterson said as cars whizzed by her at the corner of Marin and Talbot avenues. She suggested that a stronger police presence would slow traffic.

After receiving complaints about the street, city officials agree Marin Avenue, from the San Pablo east about a mile to The Alameda in Berkeley is unsafe. That's why the street, along with 27 other intersections and streets in the city, is being studied to see what kind of changes can be made to make it safer.

"It's pretty much been an on-

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Class will show how to foil identity thieves

By Alan Lopez

WORKSHOP

By Alan Lopez

EL CERRITO — Soon after buying a book at a convention in San Francisco, El Cerrito native Martha Colburn was receiving bills of hundreds of dollars' worth of odd purchases made on her credit card, including several cell phone accounts, and merchandise from the mail-order catalog retailer LL. Bean.

Whoever used her identity and credit card number, probably soon found a bigger fish, because about four months later the charges were cleared up, and the money stolen was returned to her, but only after hours of her own detective work and jumping through bureaucratic hoops.

She believes she got off relatively easy because she's not a homeowner and owns few assets. Still, the experience was difficult. "I think when you're robbed, whether it's your ID, or anything lese, it kind of feels like being raped," she said.

Residents interested in learning how to ward off what some in the community are calling the fastest-growing crime in the country — identity theft — are invited to a free workshop at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, at the El Cerrito

WORKSHOP

WHAT: Identity-heft workshop, presented by the El Cerrito crime prevention committee in conjunction with the police department and the Certive work and jumping through the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with the city's police department and the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with the city's police department and the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with the city's police department and the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with the city's police department and the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with the city's police department and the city's crime prevention committee in conjunction with th



Virtual dance

SOME 100 PEOPLE, including 40 contestants, turned out at Albany High School's all-purpose room for last Saturday's video game tournament, an inaugural event staged by the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Above, Mindy Ng, 6, of Berkeley, plays and beats Aaron Moy, 15, at Dance Dance Revolution, a Sony Playstation game. The tournament's age level was 10 -19 years old but because of Ng's skill level she was allowed to play.

BRIEFS

El Cerrito

Open house today at Cerrito Theater

The Cerrito Theater will host entertainment for the first time in almost 40 years at Friday's open house showing off the dormant movie house to the public, when Hot Popcorn and Sweet Basil Trio perform at the free event running from 4-8 p.m.

The city is hosting the free open house in the 1937 art deco movie theater on San Pablo Avenue at Central, which was used for furniture storage until late last year. Entertainment will be provided by local groups: Hot Popcorn (with Butter) and Sweet Basil Trio. Refreshments, children's craft table, historical displays, and architectural drawings of proposed future uses for the theater. Details: www.cerritotheater.org

El Cerrito

A chance to meet new state senator

State Sen. Tom Torlakson will host a "Meet the Community" event from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. He will be available to meet the public, discuss state legislation, and talk about other issues.

Torlakson, D-Antioch, represents the 7th Senate District. Last year's redistricting changes by the Legislature and Gov. Gray Davis shifted the boundaries of the district to include El Cerrito.

"Torlakson served 16 years on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors before he was elected to the state Assembly in 1996. He served two terms in the Assembly and was elected to the state Senate in 2000. He chairs the Senate Local Government Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Infrastructure. The 7th Senate District includes most of Contra Costa County.

Details: 925-602-6593

Albany

Citizen, youth of the year nominations

The Albany Samber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Albany Citizen and Youth of the Year, two prestigious awards that date back to the 1950s. Nominees must be residents of Albany, and teens must be high school students.

Submit a one page letter with the name, address, and phone number of the candidate, their accomplishments during 2001-02, and why they should receive this honor. Only residents of Albany may nominate candidates.

Send letters to: Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., Albany, 94706. Include your name, address, and phone number.

The deadline is May 10. For more information: 510-525-1771.

History and art will converge in exhibit

There's still time for artists and history buffs to participate in the Albany Art Show and Historical Exhibit, Sunday, June 2, at the Veteran's Building in Memorial Park.

Anyone with old photographs of Albany or other memorabilia, or artists in the East Bay looking for a venue to show their work are invited to call the Albany Chamber of Commerce right away because its Art Show and Historical Exhibit is growing faster than spring grass. Details: 510-525-1771, or e-mail albanychamber@big-planet.com.

El Cerrito

Puppets in the park

On Saturday, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Berkeley Hills Nursery School will present the second annual Puppets in the Park event, featuring a reircus adventure with The Puppet Company, in El Cerrito's Arlington Park on Arlington Boulevard. On hand will be a host of entertainers, a magician, balloon creations by Nanntz the Clown and Boris the Travelling Minestel.

Down Home music series continues

Down Home Music Store, 10341 San Pablo Ave., continues its series of in-store performances at 2 p.m. May 11 with David Gleason's Wasted Days, described as "destroying the dividing line between Muscle Shoals and cosmic American hippie rock." Performances are the first and fourth Saturdays of the month. Details: 510-525-2129 for visit the Webs site www.downbomenusic.com.

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Officers to be honored at dinner

The Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner honoring officers from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington, BART, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol, is at 6:30 p.m. on May 22, at the Galileo Club, 371 So. 23rd St. in Richmond.
Tickets are \$25 per person. Checks should be made to the Exchange Club and sent to 600 37th St., Richmond, CA 94805 by May 5. Details: L.C. McCune, 510-236-0459.

Berkeley

Work party fights invasive creek weed

Perennial pepperweed, invading from Europe, can choke Bay aches and shoreline meadows under a thicket of single-species

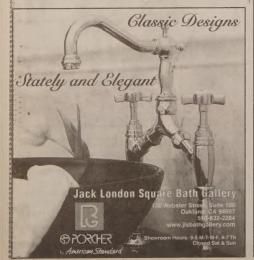
regetation.
Join Friends of Strawberry Creek and the California Native Plant
Society East Bay Restoration Team on in combating this pest in the
new Eastshore State Park at the mouth of Strawberry Creek in

rkeley.

Meet at 10 a.m. Saturday behind (west of) Sea Breeze Market, niversity Avenue and Frontage Road.

Bring work gloves and shovels if you have them. For information contact 510-848 9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

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Police seek woman, 19, in stabbing at Tilden Pa

STAFF REPORT
BERKELEY — Police are searching for a woman suspected of stabbing a 29-year-old El Cerrito man in a Tilden Regional Park parking lot Monday afternoon and fleeing in his car.
The victim found another

park visitor in the lot at the end of Brook Road near Lake Anza, and that person drove the victim to Grizzly Peak Boulevard and Spruce Street, where cell phones

ALBANY POLICE LOG

Monday, April 22

- anyone in custody.

 I TRAFFIC STOP Officers
 stopped a gold Ford Ranger on the
 400 block of Kains Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 60year-old Richmond man, was arrested for driving with a suspended
 license and for drug charges. He was
 transported to Santa Ritta Jail.
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 **DOMESTIC DISPUTE At about 1 p.m. officers responded to the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue on repports from a woman that her boyfriend had tried to punch her. A check found the Albany man had an outstanding warrant from Orange County for DUI. He was arrested for the outstanding warrant and for fighting and transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, April 23

rested for trespassing and were re-

VEHICLE RECOVERED — Officer reported locating a white '92 Honda Civic in a parking lot near the Albany Theater that had been reported as

Wednesday, April 24

- AUTO BURGLARY At about 1 p.m. an Oakland man reported that his blue '98 Volkswagen Golf had been broken into within the previous 30 minutes while parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue.
- DISTURBANCE At about 7:30 p.m. officers responded to the Albar Library on reports of a subject causing problems. Officers arrested a 24 year-old El Cerrito man for causing a disturbance.

Thursday, April 25

- TRESPASSING Officers arrested a 16-year-old Albany boy for trespassing and for resisting an officer. He was cited and released to hiparent with a notice to appear.
- HOME BURGLARY At about 11:30 p.m. a resident on the 1000
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with a suspended license. A search of his vehicle revealed drug paraphe nalia. He was arrested for the out-standing warrant and for drug pos-

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 **HOME BURGLARY In the evening a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported that thieve had entered her home, conducted a neat prowl, took the keys to her white '92 Saturn and other items, then stolike the second of the second of
- OUTSTANDING WARRANTS IT

Saturday, April 27

- HOME BURGLARY A resident on the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night thieves had gone through his brown '84 Toyota and stylen items.
- AUTO RECOVERED Oakland police reported locating a white '92 Saturn that had been reported as stolen from Albany. It was undamaged and a suspect was in custody The owner was notified.

Sunday, April 28

10900 block of San Pablo Avenue be ween 2:15 and 7:25 p.m.

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Monday, April

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Summary

EL CERRITO POLICE LOG

Thursday, April 18

■ STOLEN CREDIT CARDS — A Sas
Francisco man was arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen credit cards,
a checkbook and several credit card
numbers belonging to different people
while he was loitering at the corner of
San Pablo and El Dorado avenues. Po
lice responded at 7:25 ± m. to the corner after receiving a report saying the
man was suspicious and had been
hanging out there for an hour. Police
discovered the solien items while at

Friday, April 19

- AUTO THEFT A 1986 Toyota pick-up truck was stolen from the
- STOLEN CHECKS —A Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of trying to cash a stolen or forged check at Bank of the West at around 5:14 p.m. The woman had attempted

Saturday, April 20

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- AUTO THEFT A 1991 Nissar Maxima was stolen from the 1500
- PROPERTY STOLEN Property was removed from a vehicle on the
- AUTO RANSACKED A vehicle parked on the 1400 block of Scott

Sunday, April 21

- AUTO ENTERED A vehicle parked on the 600 block of Kearney
- AUTO THEFT A 1996 Acura In tegra was stolen from the 400 block of Richmond Street sometime between midnight and 8:30 a.m.
- TRUCK TRAILER THEFT A

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Monday, April 22

■ ATTEMPTED THEFT — An attempt was made to remove coins from a dryer in a washroom on the 3300 block of Yosemite Avenue.

Tuesday, April 23

CAR ENTERED — The rear window of a vehicle parked on the 800 block of Kensington Road was appened sometime between 9:30 p.m

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OTHER DEPART

CIRCULATION: CIRCULATION MAN

Bluegrass concert raises green for Albany music

By Chris Treadway

nts raised \$15,000 bany schools music nd gave bluegrass fans ey's worth at a three-

ss Experience.

Albany parents were expand their fund-rais-billities by presenting a ly known act that drew il outside the city limits recedented. That it all gether in two-and-a-half nd came off flawlessly ing short of remarkable. ny Music Lives," read a behind the stage, and is the mood of the

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ensington Library ook sale is May 11

he Friends of the Kensing-Library are sponsoring a sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rday, May 11 and 11 a.m. to n., Sunday May 12, at the sington Community Center, rlington Blvd.

sale will include a variety is, audio and video tapes, s and CDs. On Sunday, a ed with books can be purief or \$3. For more infort, call 510-524-3043 or go at www.aboutkensing.n.

Briefs

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disappointed.

The uninitiated may recognize mandolin virtuoso Grisman most for his song "Dawgy Mountain Breakdown" (originally recorded with banjo immortal Earl Scruggs and performed at Friday's show), better known to most as the theme to the popular NPR radio show "Car Talk," Grisman's group included his son Sam, 12, playing proficiently on a giant acoustic bass.

It also featured banjo player Bill Evans, who made his debut with the Bluegrass Experience and also played with his own band, Bluegrass Intentions, as the opening act.

They were followed by local favorite singer/songwriter/musican Laurie Lewis accompanied by talented guitarist Nina Gerber.

But it was Evans who deserved his night in the spotlight.

But it was Evans who deserved his night in the spotlight. Evans has two children in Albany schools who are both in the music program and his wife is an Albany elementary school teacher, so he knew what was at stake when budget shortfalls threatened to decimate funding for music instruction.

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It was Evans, a gifted performer and teacher of the banjo by trade, who made the show possible through his connections in the music world.

"I was completely over-whelmed. It couldn't have gone better," he said. "The feeling backstage among the performers was euphoric. We all had a wonderful time and felt like, gosh, it worked.

The money raised last Friday represents just a fraction of what's needed to keep the program afloat — for this year. Some \$175,000 in all is needed to offset expected cuts.

Evans told an applauding audience that with their support this would be just the first of what's to come.

"I'm still totally committed to the project," he said later. "It's

Bike to Work Day

The city is participating in this year's Bike to Work Day, taking place from 7 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16. Residents can bike to the city's "energizer station" at the intersection of Solano and Masonic avenues, under the elevated BART tracks for free coffee, food and giveaways. For more information, call 800-755-7665 or go online at www.btwd.org.

Summer day camp

enrollment open

returns May 16

Albany



MANDOLIN GREAT David Grisman (right, above) was joined in his new bluegrass quintet Friday by his 12-year-old son Sam (left) who performed on bass. Below, banjo player and Albany school parent Bill Evans, right, rehearses backstage at the Albany High School gymnasium with fellow members of the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience before its debut.



up to all the parents who were there to make it happen again."
While the final goal is a sizable amount of money, "I'm really just focused on the next step," Evans said. "That's how feel I can help."

trying to get their breath.

"We have more in the works

although, frankly, I have to re cover for a week," said Paige.

Pasta La Vista

from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the El Cerrito Community Cen-ter, 7007 Moeser Lane. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be obtained at the com-

munity center or by calling 510-215-4370.

El Cerrito

benefit is Saturday

Pasta La Vista II, the second

Pretty tile,

Parents join to preserve

jewel in Albany's crown

HAT COULD be cuter than a 9-year-old? Answer: Ten 9-year-olds, all selling lemonade and chocolate chip cookies (which they made themselves) to raise money to save their teacher's job.

Their teacher is named Corrie Winnacker. She teaches a combined third- and fourthgrade class at Marin Elementary School in Albany.

I've never met Ms. Winnacker, but I know a lot about her through the eyes of her students. "She's really nice," says third-grader Katie Tick. "I have a friend in the fourth grade who's bigger than me, and when we have a movie, Ms. Winnacker lets me sit in her lap."

In truth, Ms. Winnacker is the kind of teacher parents pray for. She doesn't keep the kids in line through fear; she does it with love. And she's always coming up with new ways to enhance the learning process.

For instance, when she reads to them, she turns off all the lights and wears a miner's helmet — the kind with a light on it. It completely changes the atmosphere, allowing the kids to calm down and concentrate on what they're listening to. And this is just her first year as a full-time teacher, which means she's only going to get better and better. If this were baseball, they'd call this rookie a franchise player and try their darndest to nail her down with a long-term contract.

But this is education, where the rules are different. As a new teacher, Ms. Winnacker is first in line for the chopping block when the projected cuts in the Albany Schools budget go through. That's why Katie and her friends were so busy cutting up lemons and baking cookies.

Their total take: \$15.60. Not much, granted, but it's a start.

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Fortunately, it isn't the end. Katie's mom and other parents have formed a group called SchoolCARE, to try to make up the shortfall in the budget.

"Other districts, such as Piedmont and Palo Alto, are able to maintain high standards by asking their communities to help," says Katie's mom. "Why cart we?"

Why not indeed? The school system is the jewel in Albany's crown; it's what the city is famous for (As the old joke goes, Oakland parents try to get fake Berkeley addresses, and Berkeley parents try to get fake Berkeley addresses, and Berkeley parents try to get fake Albany addresses. It's absolutely unthinkable to let this precious asset deteriorate.

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experiment called American democracy through the 21st century. If they aren't important, what is?

If nothing else, think of your property values. If the schools go down the tubes, so will they.

Last year — the first year of its existence — SchoolCARE was able to raise \$180,000.

That was enough to save kindergarten through 3rd grade performing arts programs; fourth- and fifth-grade science classes; counseling services, noontime supervision and after-school sports in the middle school; and advanced French and Spanish and World Problems classes in the high school.

This year, the crunch is even worse. Science classes, math classes, performing arts, music programs, athletic programs, language programs, advanced placement programs, librarians, custodians, playground supervisors, clerical staff — all are slated for elimination unless SchoolCARE can come up with the funds to save them. SchoolCARE is asking each family in Albany to donate \$350 per year. That comes to about \$30 per month, which is a lot less than your monthly cable bill. I ask you: Which is more important? If you want to help, send your contribution (tax-deductible, of course) to SchoolCARE, 1563 Solano Ave., #537, Berkeley, CA 94707. Or call the treasurer, Susan Mellers, at 510-524-3786.

Even if you don't have a kid of your own, it's in your interest to help. Whatever you think about Hillary Clinton, she was right about one thing; If really does take a whole village.

P.S. The kids told me more thing about Ms. Winnacker: She has a husband named Dave who is a captain in the Marines. He was called up after Sept. 11 and is now protecting our country on active duty.

Come to think of it, they're both serving our country, each in his or her own way, And they both deserve our support.

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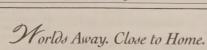
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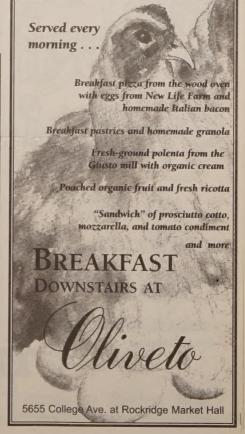


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GUEST EDITORIAL

Mexico's finest hour

By Salvador Murillo

inco de Mayo is celebrated by some people as a time to get together and have a good time. To others, Cinco de Mayo is a time to reflect on the struggle with a superpower in Eu-rope. During 1862, that superpower was France, a country fight-ing a divided nation during an intense and bloody civil war in

Mexico.

The leaders of these two nations were as different as the biblical characters of David and Goliath; Napoleon III, a man of war, and Benito Juarez, a man of law. The field marshal for France was Counte de Lorencez. He was pitted against Ignacio Zaragoza, a young general commanding 4,000 ill-equipped Mexican troops against 6,000 well-armed French soldiers. The Mexican troops, mostly Zacapoaxtlas Indians, held the forts of Loreto and Guadalupe. It was a bloody battle of machetes against bayonets.

and cuadatupe: It was a broody battle or machine to a mets.

Military historians think that the French could easily have defeated the Mexican army. Lorencez wanted to demonstrate to the world that man to man, the French soldier was better than the Mexican. The French charged three times and three times they were repelled. A week before this battle took place in Puebla on May 5, 1862, Count de Lorencez wrote the war minister in Paris: "We are superior to the Mexicans in race, organization, morality, and elevated sentiments that I beg Your Excellency to tell the Emperor that at the head of 6,000 soldiers I am already master of Mexico."

Mexico.

'While this message was sent to France, Ignacio Zaragoza addressed the troops under his command to prepare for battle: "Although your enemies are the first soldiers of the world who are trying to take away your country, you are the first sons of Mexico."

though your enemies are the first soldiers of the world who are trying to take away your country, you are the first sons of Mexico."

At 5 in the afternoon, the French bugle sounded retreat. The French troops fell back, pursued by the Mexican cavalry. Chicanos Juarez's faithful young men on horseback were the back-bone of this guerrilla warfare. As Zaragoza listened to the Mexican bugle sounding victory, he sent President Benito Juarez a very simple message: "The arms of the nation are covered with glory," Yet even in defeat, France did not give up on the war against Mexico. Count de Lorencez requested Napoleon send 20,000 more soldiers. The new French troops came with a new field marshal, Gen. Ellie Forey.

Although this victory did not win the war, it set the invasion timetable back one year. The liberal government of Benito Juarez had a little more time to organize, and so did President Lincoln. The events that took place in Puebla played an important role in the destinies of both Mexico and the United States. During the week of May 5, 1862, Lincoln, with a convoy in Virginia waters, investigated why the campaign against Richmond was lagging. He was worried that unless the North got on with the war, France and England would recognize the Confederacy and blast their way into the blockaded Southern ports to get cotton for their Tamished mills. The confederate agent Sidell was in Paris, the same Sidell who approached Mexico on behalf of the United States offering to buy California. In the summer of 1862, he promised Napoleon III 100,000 free bales of cotton if he would send a war fleet for them. The emperor said that he would run the blockade if England agreed to do the same. Two weeks earlier, Napoleon III told Forey his reason for sending him to Mexico. He wanted to build an "impassable dam" against the United States and to spread "our beneficent influence" in the North and South.

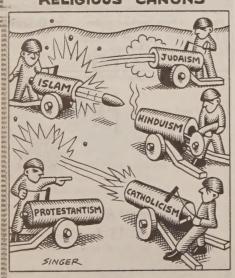
South.

Cinco de Mayo is indeed Mexico's finest hour in history, and or the United States, it indirectly helped to preserve the creed one nation indivisible." Zaragoza was not able to see the final rictory. He died on Sept. 8, 1862.

Cinco de Mayo is a time to reflect and celebrate.

Salvador Murillo is an employee of the Berkeley Unified School District, as well as a labor organizer and activist.

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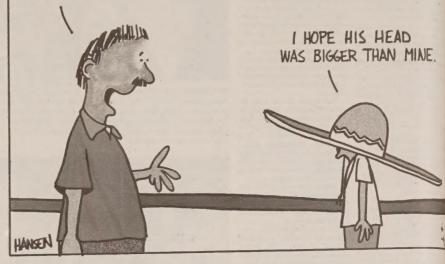
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tale of a city

Tale of a city

May 3, 2052 — El Cerrito
It was 50 years ago that El Cerrito,
through public subscriptions, grants and
gifts, purchased the old movie palace, the
Cerrito Theater.

The glorious murals on its walls had
been hanging in the shadow of the wrecking ball when spirited residents suddenly
acted. "If you don't save the theater, why
would my children ever want to come
back to visit?" shouted one angry resident.

"If you don't save the theater, we'll be
stuck at home watching television!"
protested another.

To avoid the riots, the city established
a fund at the local Mechanics Bank. Residents were encouraged to collect money,
bake cookies and consider changes to
their wills to benefit their town.

The effect was almost electrifying.
Everyone chipped in. Local artisans began planning a new public center on San
Pablo Avenue. They key was a new nonprofit corporation, The Cerrito Mission,
which administered the fund-raising and
gifts in association with city officers. The
El Cerrito Historical Society and other
local organizations began planning multiple uses for the old theater.

Shortly thereafter, the city sponsored
a parade on Founders Day, Riders on
ponies strode the streets from Cerrito
Creek to City Hall. Fire engines shone.
Jugglers juggled. Old women dreamed
dreams and young women saw visions.

Enthused residents later bought a half
city block near the Cerrito Theater and build
the jewel in the crown of El Cerrito Mission.

To this day, its bells ring out from the tower
from above its adobe walls — ding, dong,
ding! Inside the Cerrito, the story goes on.

Tom Cain

El Cerrito

Another exoneration

Another exoneration

Recently, Ray Krone was released after spending 10 years in an Arizona prison, including three years on death row, for a crime he didn't commit.

Krone is the 100th innocent person to be exonerated from death row since 1972. This is a shameful track record and demonstrates serious flaws in the way our nation is carrying out this irreversible punishment.

Last year, Citizens United Against the Death Penalty, of which I am a member, passed a resolution calling for a moratorium on executions. We are one of 2,000 groups nationwide to have made that call, including 70 local governments.

California's Legislature should heed the warning of these 100 wrongly convicted and pass a bill calling for a moratorium immediately. It isn't until we step back and study our own application of the death penalty that we can understand the true depth of the inequities in the system and the ways to address them.

Norma J.F. Harrison Berkeley

Supports restoration

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I am writing in support of the restoration of the Cerrito Theater.

I have been a resident of El Cerrito for 20 years. While this is a lovely place to live and raise a family, if really lacks the cultural vitality of neighboring cities such as Berkeley and Richmond. I find that I go to other cities for almost every cultural event I attend, from movies to art exhibitions — with the exception of Contra Costa Civic Theatre.

I would dearly love to just walk to a venue in my own city!

As a painter, I have a special interest in cultural preservation. The art deco history of the building and its possible return as a place of community gathering (for movies, or whatever) is very important to the "soul" of El Cerrito.

I hope City Council members will value the treasure we have and find a way to revive it.

Lisa Greenstein El Cerrito

Can Bush succeed?

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The Mideast crisis has reached a critical point.

President Bush has taken a stand, but it seems questionable that he can make it work. He demanded actions by both sides: that the Palestinians give up terror, the Israelis withdraw their forces, and that the Palestinians must get a viable state.

Both sides resist. Palestinians do not trust that Bush can deliver a political solution and are reluctant to give up their fight. Israelis are against the Palestinians having any state, viable or otherwise, and are confident they can end terror if they bludgeon the Arabs enough.

In addition, Bush is opposed by Democrats and his own conservative constituency.

As Prime Minister Anthony Blair has stated repeatedly, a lesson learned in Northern Ireland was, "There cannot be an end to terrorism without a political solution."

lution."
President Bush has taken a step that will severely test his leadership skills. He will have to go against a political majority to make it succeed. However, his success will determine if peace comes soon or if bloodshed will continue into the future.

Robert A. Noonan Albany

Beneficial service

Your recent, informative article regarding the future Berkeley/Albany ferry service pointed out the benefits of ferry service for local residents. For many reasons, the proposed ferry terminal at Gilman Street is a top-priority site for new Bay Area service.

Residents have ranked traffic congestion as the uttermost problem facing the region. At the March 18 Albany City Council meeting, the Water Transit Authority (WTA) discussed how ferries are

a very environmentally friendly form of transit and how state-of-the-art vesses and fuel studies will work for the By Area. It's final report and draft EIR, tok completed late this summer, will outline these issues.

Another critical aspect of ferries is how important they become during disaster. We saw evidence of how essential ferris were after the Loma Prieta earthquake. New Yorkers also rediscovered the value of their ferry service after the Work Trade Center was devastated by termists and ferries were the only viable form of transportation left.

Perhaps one of the most important spects of Albany/Berkeley ferry service land use. The WTA has discussed way a bayside alignment of the Bay Trail from Buchanan Street to Gilman Street as for the Gilman Ferry could be developed. Because the state is planning the Easthore State Park to anticipate ferry service at Gilman Street, this is an opportunity to plan public access to this porior of the waterfront which has been privately owned since 1941. With new ferry service and a Bay Trail, the public would gain continuous access to all parts of the park, as well as to other recreationals eas in the Bay.

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Because the WTA is on an aggressification to make recommendations to the state legislature, we urge everyone to their decision-making bodies in Albany and Berkeley know how much we need ferry service At Gilman Street. By this summer, we ought to be on board!

Alb Perry is a member of Berkeley F ommittee and Holan is a membe riends of the Albany Ferry.

An asset

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Saving the Cerrito Theater is a word while effort, since the city has almost a entertainment except for the Contra Contro Cheatre.

I recently saw a movie at the Pan mount in Oakland and watched all beople stream into the theater. The Crito is not the Paramount, but it's a government of which can be done.

The Cerrito has many pluses: location (near BART, off Interstate 80, and off main street;) historic (not priceless, if dull); and the size theater's is not took. It could be used for smallish congress (cassic movies; and as rental space corporate meetings, training, etc. For the City Council could meet there. The restoration could be a combine effort by the city, donors, volunteers, sipossibly the owner.

The Cerrito Theater would be an est to our city.

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Sister Marie Christine Hawkins recalls long, full life of teaching

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Irish accent, her warm
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Hawkins looks like the very
model of a Catholic nun —
right down to her aura of quiet
authority.

authority.

Somehow, meeting her, you know that as a teacher and principal, she must have had a prowerful effect upon her

powerful effect upon her pupils' lives.
She opens the door of the attractive El Cerrito home in which she and the other sisters of St. Jerome's live, and it's clear she has prepared for this interview. She has brought out papers that will have the information she knows I'll want, as well as copies of stories about her from other papers.
Until Pope John XXIII allowed nuns to use their own names, she was known as Sister Paschal.
She comes from County

names, she was known as Sister Paschal.
She comes from County
Wexford, where she was one of
seven children — "one of the
smallest families" — in that
Irish town.
Sister Marie Christine is not
only happy to discuss how she
decided to become a nun; she's
written and illustrated a booklet about it — "Sr. Christine in
Her Own Words" — for a
Catholic school class.
As a young girl, she became
friends with Mother Paschal,
matron of a nursing home in
Torquay, England, who persuaded her parents to let her
go back with her to England.
She was to live with the sisters until accepted for training
in nursing in London. "It was
during World War II, and they
were in need of nurses, so I got
in," she says.
But while living with the sis-

" she says. But while living with the sis-



CLARA-RAE GENSER

ters she came to realize that she did not want to become a nurse. "The sisters were so happy with little things, always smiling whether is was because they had ice cream at tea, or a

picnic.
"They were lovely to each other, and I thought, 'That's the life for me."
She joined the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the order to which her aunt, Sister Theodora, belonged.

Mary, the order to which ner aunt, Sister Theodora, belonged.

"Theodora predicted I wouldn't last three weeks as a nun, and here it is, 57 years later," she has said.

She trained as a teacher at Notre Dame College in Liverpool in 1948 and in 1954 answered a mission call to come to California.

With seven other sisters she came on the Queen Elizabeth, to teach first grade in Turlock. Sister Marie Christine has had a variety of experiences since then, teaching high school in Watsonville, minority students in Sacramento and military dependents in Atwater. In 1980 she became principal at Atwater.

As she recalls her career, it is obvious that her days at Atwater are were very special to her.

It wasn't always easy, though. There was the heat in the San Joaquin Valley to be

starched underveils and forehead band.

There were large classes, a
lack of supplies and books, and
she missed her friends and
family in Ireland.

But she has never regretted
her vocation, and would not
change her experiences.

After 32 years her teaching
career ended and she came the
Bay Area to volunteer for AIDS
Services in Oakland.

Now, at St. Jerome's in El
Cerrito, she lives in a residence
with Sister Nora, just back
from three years in El Salvador,
Sister Lydia, and Sister Bridget.

The semi-retired Sister

Sister Lydia, and Sister Bridget.

The semi-retired Sister
Christine acts as lay minister at
the Wednesday Eucharistic service, serves as greeter for
Mass, reads Scripture on Sundays, leads the Renew prayer
group and teaches First Communion classes She speaks
highly of Father Paul Minnihan, St. Jerome's pastor, and of
his vision for the church.

Her own order has opened

han, St. Jerome's pastor, and or his vision for the church.

Her own order has opened houses in El Salvador, the Philippines, and Africa, and of the future of Catholicism.

She looks as if she could still go anywhere that interested her, without a thought of age or disability. And she does say that she is happy she has been able to continue her duties as she has.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crggenser@aol.com.

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The tournament is hosted by and benefits Albany High's athletics program.
For more information call 510-525-2716.

Berkeley

Puppet shows promote hygiene

The Hall of Health will present a short puppet show at 2:30 p.m. May 8.

children 3 to 10 and their parents.

Hall of Health staff members will perform the educational puppet shows about germs, their effects on the body, cleanliness and proper hand-washing technique.

Hall of Health is a community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland.

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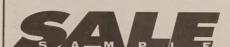


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Who was that masked mammal? A pesky raccoon

In spring a raccoon's fancy turns to love. Or what passes for it in their world. After the amorous act, the female searches for a place to raise her family. Any neighborhood will do.

None of this would matter to us except that some urban raccoons select not only our neighborhoods but our houses for their new homes. If they can find an opening to get under them, they will move there. Or they'll break into the attic.

A couple of years ago a raccoon found a loose or rotten board in our attic, tore a hole and set up a nursery inside. It took a good deal of trouble and some expense to get them out. Now a couple of my neighbors are having trouble with these house breakers on their roofs.

Jackie, who lives across the street, had a dramatic demonstration of how much damage one of these night prowlers can cause. About 3 a.m. one morning she was awakened by a loud crash from the back of her house. She looked out in time to see a large raccoon jumping to the ground. Then she found the metal awning over her back porch steps had been broken down on one side. A week later the raccoon repeated the performance and broke the awning down even farther.

Investigation indicates a raccoon had been getting on her roof by making a long jump from a nearby tree. Although short-legged and fat, these criters can jump surprising distances. Dirty paw marks on a drain pipe and the wall next to it show the animal then attempted to break into a wire-covered attic ventilator.

At the same time this drama was unfolding, my next door neighbor Ed reported a raccoon repisher Ed reported a raccoon repated the remainal's most likely access to the roof. So far this has taken care of the problem.

Pruning was not the solution for Jackie's tree, so she had hardware cloth wire put around its trunk and in the animal's probable landing zone. Raccoons do not like the feel of wire underfoot and will avoid it. Jackie's tree, so she had hardware cloth wire put around its runk and in the animal's probable landing zone. Raccoons depended to the put and the s





sounds of animals on the roof.

DISEASE DANGER: Raccoon feces often contain the
eggs of a parasitic round worm
that, if ingested by mammals including dogs and humans, attacks the nervous system, the
eyes, and can cause death.
There is no treatment for this
disease, which is called neural
larva migrans. Droppings should
be removed from roofs, gutters,
and yards with extreme care because in dried form the eggs can
be airborne. Wear a mask and
gloves. Small children are most
at risk if they come into contact
with raccoon feces and get them
or contaminated hands in their
mouths.

If a raccoon or skunk has already moved into your house,
you can call Alameda County
Vector Control Services for assistance. 510-567-6800. The person
I spoke with there promised me
a return call from an animal
control officer and said that they
have a trapper.

Berkeley Animal Services,
which covers Albany, will give
you information and advice, but
no longer removes bothersome
animals.

By state law a person is not
allowed to transport a wild ani-

you information and advice, but no longer removes bothersome animals.

By state law a person is not allowed to transport a wild animal over half a mile from where it is caught, so the exercise is meaningless. There are private firms that legally trap and remove raccoons and other creatures. The cheapest one I found is B and M Trapping which will do the job for \$155. Clearly, prevention is preferable, as more raccoons will inevitably fill the vacuum that trapping creates. Information on raccoons and skunks from the San Francisco SPCA is available in the city manager's office at Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. You can also get information on raccoons on the net along with humorous suggestions and many local anecdotes.

The one I liked best was about the people who were baffled to find the ears and noses were being bitten off their child's stuffed animals. Then one night they discovered a raccoon had been getting into the house and had tried to take a "Tickle Me Elmo" doll home with it. But Elmo got stuck in the cat door where he was left laughing and vibrating. Probably Mama raccoon wanted him for the kids. Who could blame her?

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Pollution persists in plaguing park

By Kate Darby Rauch

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STAFFWRITER
RICHMOND — It took almost
50 years for a strip of industrial
land along the eastern shore of
San Francisco Bay to become the
planned Eastshore State Park.
A chunk of that time, about a
decade, was spent on real estate
deals so park officials could
spend \$30 million of tax money
to buy park land.
Most was owned by the Santa
Fe Railroad, which later formed
a land-holding company called
Catellus.

Catellus.

Much of the land was heavily polluted, the legacy of years of use as a dumping ground for garbage and industrial waste.

Part of the deal — brokered by East Bay Regional Park District officials for the state — was that contamination had to be cleaned by the land owner.

"This was probably the largest urban restoration ever undertaken, anywhere," said Bob Doyle, a park district general manager in charge of the land deals. "It was basically eight miles of urban shoreline that had a history of landfill and abuse."

The effort took time, money and plenty of lawyers — "to keep both parties from running away," Doyle said.

Some places, such as Albany's old city-owned landfill, are still in the end-stage of the process. Toxic testing has produced negative results, but some wildlife habitat restoration projects are in the works.

The pollution problem, however isn't salved.

into park lands.

They're all near Hoffman Marsh, an 11-acre tidal wetland wedged between Interstate 580 and the Bay. Some of the marsh is in the park, and the rest is a priority for inclusion.

The former Liquid Gold Oil Corporation, an 18-acre oil storage facility closed in 1982, is an Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site that was supposedly cleaned up in 1985.

Soil at the facility, located at the end of 47th Street, was contaminated with lead, asbestos and other toxic waste.

Doyle said the park district has some questions about the cleanup, and has hired consultants to investigate.

Not far away, the contamination is undisputed.

The state Water Quality Control Board has ordered a cleanup

of more than 200 acres around property owned by the Zeneca Corp. and UC Berkeley; some is in the park.

The land, located at the ends of 46th and 47th streets, is contaminated with lead, arsenic and

ercury.
Zeneca, formerly the Stauffer

Chemical Corp., manufactured Field Station is lindustrial and agricultural chempany that used m industrial and agricultural chemicals at its facility until 1979. But the contamination goes back to the late 1800s, when smaller companies in the area manufactured sulfuric acid.

Contamination at the University of California's Richmond

Landfill's driftwood art could be washed up

Kate Darby Rauch

Age Darby Rauch

For the past three years, the
wilds of Albany's old landfill has
been the art studio of choice for
a troupe of renegade painters
who call themselves "Sniff."

The four buddies, all serious
painters on their own, hike to the
landfill's remote north shore each
Saturday morning to turn slabs
of washed-up driftwood and
other found objects into colorful
swirls of paint.

More than 30 of their enormous canvases spread across the
landfill's rocky coastline for the
adventuresome to find, and the
group has developed a strong following.

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So far, the city of Albany, which owns most of the landfill, has let Sniff do its thing, no permits or permission needed.

But this may soon change.

The landfill, which closed in 1974, is slated to be part of the Eastshore State Park.

Park officials aren't sure Sniff and state parks mix.

Planners say they're open to some kind of public art in the park, with limitations.

"If the area is to be part of the park and become more open to the general public, there will need to be a more formal art program," said Larry Tong, a manager with the East Bay Regional Park District, which is spearheading the Eastshore planning effort.

Issues such as choosing "ap-

heading the feffort.

Issues such as choosing "appropriate interpretive themes," controlling tagging or offensive graffiti, and ensuring participation by other members of the public will have to be addressed, Tong said.

ng said. Sniff's paintings are colorful,

whimsical blends of fantasy and reality, a mix of real and imag-ined scenes from the artists' lives. There are lots of people and an-

Some images are sexual, including nudity, and some darkly humorous — though these aren't overriding Sniff themes.

The group was recently told by park planners that its work may not be family-friendly enough for a state park, said David Ryan, a member of the

They'll keep doing what they do for as long as they can, but aren't candidates for a regulated art program, Ryan said.

It's the free-spirited aspect of Sniff they like best, he said.

Just how long Sniff can keep tromping the landfill with paint brushes is unknown.

Albany must finish some environmental restoration work on the land before it can be turned over to the state

That work will-take a couple of years, and the art isn't a top concern, said Ann Chaney, the city's community development director. Additional cleanup of the area — a tangle of concrete, rebar and asphalt overgrown with brush — is expected.

"We're just letting it be there for now; we're focuse issues," Chaney said. ve're focused on other

PROGRESSIVE

Bulb

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ago. Surprisingly for some, much
of the attention was placed not
on Berkeley land, but on a small,
abandoned portion of coastline
north of the city known as the
Albany bulb.
The name of a newly formed
citizens group that attended the
gathering sums up their feelings
over the bulb: Let it Be.
"We're requesting that artists
continue to be allowed to create
and install their work (there),
and that dogs and their humans
be allowed to play off-leash," said
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In a petition, she noted that many of the people who frequent the area are from Berkeley.

During the past year, the city has heard from numerous sporting and environmental groups, but some artists and dog lovers say they've been left out of the loop. What the two groups have in common is that they want one of the few outdoor places frequented by artists, where dogs can run off-leash, to stay as it is. They fear that any amount of bureaucracy could threaten the setting with signage, noise or car pollution from nearby parking.

At the workshop they asked the council and commission to help maintain the essence of the small piece of land that juts out near the Buchanan Street exit off of Interstate 80.

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A large portion of the Berkeley Meadow has been identified baseball in the springtime.

"There is a crying need for baseball fields," said Roger

as a conservation area. Proposed enhancements include protection of seasonal wetlands and re-vegetation of coastal scrub habitat. It also supports the concept of a recreational designation along Marina Boulevard to allow for parking and picnicking, educational and interpretive services, and water access for boaters.

The city does support "active sports facilities, such as playing fields, (which) are planned for the Albany Plateau, which connects to the bulb.

These fields would be operated by an outside agency or group and would include requirements to provide and maintain adequate parking and to provide adequate protection for sensitive habitats."

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One by one, bulb-lovers addressed the council, wearing "let it be" signs around their necks. An artist spoke of the peace and quiet at the site; a woman in a wheelchair said it was the only natural setting accessible to her.

Greg Wolford of Berkeley summed up the site's unique character: "it's a little dangerous. It's a weird, post-industrial mess. This is just too good to last. If every place is made safe for the smallest child possible, the world will become like Disneyland."

Of 260 acres of land, nearly 50 percent of it is designated for active recreational uses. Still, some sports-supporters who showed up reminded the council of the lack of playing fields in the Berkeley area. Berkeley, which has more than 100 Little League members, offers no youth baseball in the springtime.

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Carlsen, who is on the Albany Little League board of directors. "Remember, it's an urban park."
But other residents used their own athletic prowess to illustrate that opposition to the fields should be taken seriously.

"There's so little bayfront habitat," said ultimate Frisbee player Phil Price, to the sound of applause. "We can find fields somewhere else."

According to Waterfront chairman Paul Kamen, some people misunderstand the effects the plan will have on the land.

Emphasizing that he was not speaking for the commission, he said, "Everybody kept objecting to a small boat-launch facility on the northwest corner of the meadow," the undeveloped chunk of land between the Berkeley Marina and the freeway.

Environmentalists worry

the facility would go is already paved.

A Berkeley windsurfer made a similar observation regarding the Albany bulb, saying that the road on it would not have to be paved. Also, the launching site in question on the bulb is on the southeast corner, so that it wouldn't necessarily lead to a major intrusion onto the rest of the bulb. And that site, said Kamen, is the

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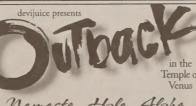


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committee focuses on neighbor-hood watch efforts and school safety programs. But a county-wide identity theft workshop and panel last year attended by one of the members spurred the effort to get a similar program in El Cer-rito.

A 26-page identity theft book-let put out by the FTC that will be used for the workshop includes in-formation about how identity thieves get personal information,

how they use it and how residents can minimize their risk.

The booklet suggests such common-sense tactics as keeping personal items in a safe place but also makes suggestions many people may not think of. They include not carrying a Social Security card, and ordering a copy of a personal credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies every year to make sure it's accurate.

accurate.

In addition, it suggests calling 888-5-OPTOUT (888-567-8688) to get off receiving pre-screened credit card offers. The offers that come in the mail and are thrown

out can be used by thieves, according to the booklet.

Thieves have numerous ways

cording to the booklet.

Thieves have numerous ways of getting personal information such as stealing wallets, searching through trash bins or by fraudulently obtaining a person's credit report by pretending to be someone who has a legal right to the information such as the person's landlord or employer.

After getting the information, the thieves can then open new credit card accounts using the victim's information and having the delinquent charges on the victim's credit report; establishing phone or wireless service in the victim's

name or open a bank account in the victim's name and write bad

Thieves have even purchased homes and cars using stolen iden-tities, said Ky Katsumoto, the pres-ident of the city's crime preven-tion committee.

tion committee.. "Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the country now," said Katsumoto. He added that the crime is growing 30 percent per year and seniors are particularly vulnerable, because they sometimes don't understand the ease of getting credit numbers off the Internet and sometimes carry Medicare or So-

cial Security numbers with them that can be stolen.

As for Colburn, she learned the hard way how to battle the crime, by changing her bank accounts and creating elaborate passwords for her credit cards to be used. She also bought a paper shredder to shred financial documents.

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She felt lucky, she said, that because she did not own a home, the thieves couldn't steal assets from her. Eventually, she said, they gave up and went to get other people.
"Some people have these things drag on for years," said Colburn,

Marin

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echoed by nearly everyone in the community. It's difficult for pedes-trians to get across. The speed is too high, we have a school located there, cars have difficulty getting out of some of the side streets."

Changes being considered for the street include decreasing the number of lanes from four to three and installing bike lanes. Four-way stop signs have also been suggested, but they're not always a good idea, said Javandel.

"From an engineering perspective, they tend not to be as successful as people would like,"

said Javandel. "There's some issues about how well drivers would respond in a case with stop signs on a four-lane street, in terms of clarity of who has right-of-way."

"Some people have talked about the possibility of doing both: three lanes and stop signs. At that point you have to ask why do both, if you have one doing everything

you need?"

A meeting was held Thursday so the city's traffic and safety commission could the City Council provide a recommendation about traffic calming . Korve Engineering was hired in December to show through computer simulations how alternatives would work.

After the council makes a final

decision on what to do with the street, the city will then have to find a way to fund the improvements.

Javandel said residents may argue over what is best to do but the city has done a good job trying to solve Marin traffic woes.

"I would certainly like to see a change there," he said. "The city's

Eastshore

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leash dogs. Sports fields are a far cry from wilderness.
The goal, say planners, is to design a "recreational facility harmonious with its natural setting," as expressed in the 1992 legislation creating the Eastshore. It must meet the mission of the state park system: preserving biodiversity while providing quality recreational opportunities for everyone in California.
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while providing quality recreational opportunities for everyone in California.

Some people will end up very happy. Others will be bitterly disappointed. If they succeed, planners stress, the Eastshore will be a cutting-edge park, a symbol of the agency's growing interest in urban environments, proof that big cities and state parks mix.

"The opportunities here are just unbelievable," said Ron Schafer, superintendent of the state parks Bay Area district. "It's a chance to provide recreation to people who need it. It's a chance to properly needly important natural resources. "If we manage it properly, people are going to say state parks is a class act. They're going to understand the state park system has a great deal of value to not only the environment, but to enhance the quality of human life."

Spanning five cities, the Eastshore is a joint venture of the state Department of Parks and Recreation, the East Bay Regional Park District and the California Coastal Conservancy.

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consultants, and there is no decision yet on which agency will run
the park, contrary to rumors it will
be the East Bay parks district.

Millions of people have no idea
the park exists. Long stretches of
it run smack alongside Interstate
80, looking more like a strip of industrial rubble than a state park.

It appears as if there's no land
there, just miles of wind-whipped
roadway alongside a hazily glim-

mering bay.

But the park includes sizable chunks of land, jutting into the Bay or tucked awkwardly between roads, businesses or water.

There's the scrub-covered peninsula of the old Albany landfill; the popular hillocks of Point Isabel in Richmond, already part of the East Bay regional park system; the Berkeley Meadow, a vast rectangle of open space at the base of the Berkeley Marina.

The park actually includes far more water than land; extending into the mudflats, hidden coves and inlets of San Francisco Bay.

There are even a couple of beaches, with real sand and shells. There's a hodgepodge of vegetation, native and introduced, abundant bird life and dazzling views. It's no wonder so many people have a stake in the Eastshore park—But even some of the most ardent park advocates admit that as much as they want their vision set in stone, they're amazed there's even a park to fight about.

"Miracle" is a word commonly heard. "There were 40 dumps around the Bay; everybody put their garbage there. You could see the garbage trucks going daily to the Bay," said Sylvia McLaughlin of Berkeley, a founding member of the advocacy groups Save the Bay Association and Citizens for the Eastshore State Park.

"This was the prevalent thinking around the country and maybe in other parts of the world: People dumped their stuff in the rivers and oceans and lakes."

Forty years ago, McLaughlin, now 85, eyed the smelly, smoldering strip of shore along her city's edge and vowed to make a change.

What she saw was landfill, a symbiotic relationship between turning water into land and getting rid of garbage. Nearly all the East Bay's natural shoreline is long gone, buried under freeway, roads and industrial lands.

Filling in the Bay was a stan-

dard practice born in the population explosion of the Gold Rush, and still popular into the 1960s and 1970s as cities eyed the water as prime expansion territory.

In that era, Berkeley wanted to fill two miles out from its shore, and cover the new terra firma with houses, marinas, even an airport. Albany envisioned its own string of fake islands for offices, businesses and recreation.

Emeryville considered a row of waterfront high-rise buildings on stilts, from border to border. Richmond contemplated an airport on Bay fill.

At one point, six dumps operated between Oakland and Richmond. With each truckful, the Bay shrank. Nearly all of the shoreline was privately owned. Filling was barely regulated.

Against this backdrop, McLaughlin joined forces with other East Bay nature lovers to form Save the Bay, still one of the most influential environmental groups dedicated to protecting Bay waters. The Sierra Club took on a leadership role. Citizens for the Eastshore State Park was formed. All envisioned a mini-marine sanctuary, a place where birds and sea creatures would flourish and human visitors could hike and enjoy the views.

Thus began four decades of intense political organizing, lawsuits and lobbying.

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It was slow and bitter. Environmentalists wanted an all-out end to Bay fill and development. Others saw, a compromise. Still others thought market forces should decide.

But meeting by meeting, protest by protest, vote by vote, high-stakes real estate deal by high-stakes real estate deal, a park began to take shape.

From 1966 to 1969, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission was created to regulate Bay fill, effectively grinding it to a halt. The commission approved a regional Bay plan that said shoreland should be for public use.

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In 1976, voters approved a state park bond providing \$2.5 million for the Eastshore park.
In 1980, voters approved a state Parklands Act allocating an additional \$4 million In 1988, voters approved state Proposition 70, allotting \$25 million to buy land for the Eastshore park, and an East Bay Regional Park District bond, allotting \$15 million for land acquisition.
In 1992, Gov. Pete Wilson signed AB754, introduced by then-Assemblyman Tom Bates, giving the park district the go-ahead to purchase land for the park.
Through it all, significant local decisions were made in the park's five cities, as waterfront plans were proposed and challenged, aban-

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doned and refined.

"Now cities realize their waterways should be their front door and not their back door. There's a real sea change in the thinking," McLaughlin said.

State park status ensures major protection for the Eastshore. But it means designing a park for a public that extends well beyond the Bay Area.

Planners are listening to BMX biker Taylor, of Albany; birder Greenburg, of Berkeley; Little League coach Fielding, of Berkeley dog owner Yukic, of Albany; and windsurfer Beyer, of El Cerrito — as well as the hundreds of kayakers, picnickers, artists, fisherfolk and others who use the Bay. But they're charged as well with deciding what visitors from El Centro or Crescent City might want in Eastshore State Park.
"Every person in the state is a stakeholder. It's being paid for by everyone, it's state tax money," Schafer said.

A preliminary plan released last month includes something for

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EL CERRITO — A Portola

Middle School science classroom

EDUCATORS

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL junior Angela Siu (above, left) writes questions on the board April 22 while Lindsay Spolarich talks to a seve Middle School in El Cerrito. Siu and Spolarich are 'Youth Educators' who teach about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol. Below, Portola forms a "human knot" with his classmates during a Youth Educators class.

they will race later on, "Spoianch said. "This program exposes them to the other side of it. There are a lot of misconceptions about drug and alcohol use."

The program is designed to provide the Youth Educators with self-confidence and secure their own commitment to non-use. It is especially designed to build the self-esteem of middle school students and provide them with colos to lead healthy, productive lives.

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To build positive relationships, the pair of Youth Educators visit the same classes, throughout the semester-length program. During the class period, students are ends.

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but interesting, learning process about mold and the seemingly innocent ways it can occur.

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The inspector took an air sample from outside, where he was parked. After looking at the mold and substantiating that the owners had been smart to act quickly, the inspector took another air sample from their bedroom, next to the moldy bathroom.

In the bathroom, he made a small hole in the sheetrock and placed a stainless steel wand, with a light on one end, into the opening. The inspector quickly evaluated the situation and declared that the mold inside the wall was worse than what could be seen outside.

He gave a ballpark bid of \$2,000 to eliminate the mold after removing the sink, toilet and about four feet of sheetrock from the rear wall. He warned that the price could be higher if the contamination was more extensive than it initially appeared. Resturning the bathroom to its original condition was extra. It was agreed that the work would begin two days later. Next, the couple called their insurance company and made an appointment with an adjuster for the following day. They were told this must be done before the work began.



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In addition to the shiny black area on the stringy looking, plant-like tentacles were growing through the wall. They were later these were filaments of mold called fruit

Removing the move

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the pool and back yard. The formal dining room and remodeled kitchen with a breakfast bar both overlook the back yard and pool area. The kitchen has Corian courters, hardwood floor, custom cabinetry, a gas cook top and a Sub-Zero refrigerator.

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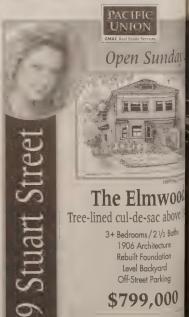
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ke care of those little buggers

especially in this brisk market, houses are purchased "as is" with regard to the termite work.

It is commonly believed that lenders will require that termite work be completed before the sale closes, but we have never had a sale where this was true. Some buyers have termite work done during their ownership, often while they are doing remodeling. But other buyers never do anything about the work. Some years later, they sell to new buyers with the work still untouched. (The damage is of course, often more extensive by then.)

For the seller, getting a report when he is first thinking of selling allows him the opportunity to make repairs. For example, a seller may be thinking of updating his bathroom before selling. He gets a termite report which recommends only one repair: replacing the bathroom floor which has dry rot. This seller may choose to have the sub-floor and the vinyl covering replaced, allowing the house to be advertised as having a "termite clearance."

On the other hand, the termite report might recommend that extensive decking be replaced due to the presence of fungus and dry rot. The bid could be very high —\$10,000, depending on the size of the decking, or even \$30,000.

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Although not required by law, a termite report is

decks, but more likely, he will get bids from other contractors who may charge less for the work. These bids would be passed along to would-be buyers.

Another inspection that sellers frequently obtain these days before marketing is a general physical inspection. This inspection, which costs around \$500, and is just what it sounds like: a look at the entire house and all of its systems. The inspector climbs up on the roof and crawls underneath the house. He looks at drainage around and under the house, the furnace, hot water heater and electrical system, also the fireplace, plumbing, appliances — every part of the house that it is possible for him to examine.

The physical inspector is like a "GP" who assesses the overall health of the house. He may recommend further assessment by specialists such as a fireplace mason or furnace expert.

The physical inspection report will be passed along to interested buyers to read. A buyer should always have ample opportunity to thoroughly investigate the condition of a property with his own experts, but a seller-supplied report will reveal to a buyer the strengths and inadequacies of the building before he arrives at his offering price. While some people are not going to want to buy old, original-condition houses with



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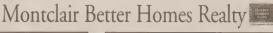
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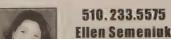
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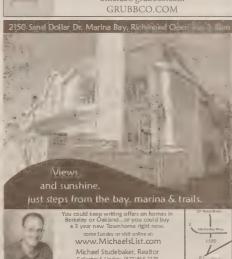
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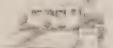
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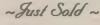
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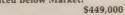


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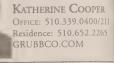


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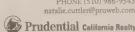




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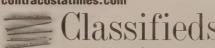
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Inside 'Spider-Man' successfully springs from the page [C3]

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er paced Salesian

in Pleasanton.

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score of 79.
John Miller paced Salesian with a score of 78.
The BSAL tournament did not decide which teams would qualify for the North Coast Section South Qualifying Tournament, since that was decided by the regular-season standings. St.

East Bay track and field leaders

400: Stephan Brooks (Berkeley) 49.01, Everett Savoy (Deer Valley) 49.22, Sam DeSa (Monte Vista) 49.27, Omarr Flood (St. Mary's) 50.53, Chris Dunbar (St. Mary's) 50.93.



Quotes of the week

Younger Division

Arkin Tilt Architects
Great Danes 20
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Bolts 16
After four innings of tight play,
e Architects emerged victorious,
e Great Danes opened the game
th seven runs off hits from
thany Cloherty, Kate Bechman
d Rozy Bathrick. The Bolts reonded with three runs in the botn of the first. Run-producing hits
re provided by Chynna Williams,
ma Rotem and Elana Jacobsntecorvo. The inning ended with
e unassisted double play at third
se by Isabel Hubbard.
The third and fourth innings
stured solid hitting by both
ams. Bolt players Lena Nitsan,
item and Eliza Stuber all had
n-producing hits. The Great
unes also received run producin from Jillian Jenkens, Hanna
ody, and Ellie Arkin.

Dr. Brennan's
Smilemakers 14
Nolo Royal Sharks 12
This was a well-played const featuring evenly-matched
ams at Longfellow. But excelut fielding by the Smilemakers
ade the difference.
Hard-hit singles by Sharks
e Renauer and Clara Obstfeld
ch brought in a run, but the
nilemakers' defense
was tong, as Lily Wyss, Madison
alatesta and Rachel Burns all
ade unassisted putouts.
The second inning featured a
unning double play by the
op fly and deftly threw to first
seman Obstfeld to double off
e runner. In the bottom half, Auey Breitweiser's solid grounder
with the third-base line led off a
ccession of singles and RBI for
e Sharks. The Sharks ended the
ang with a tie score, their rally
Id in check by the awesome
Iding of first baseman Taylor
off, who made all three outs for
e Smilemakers.

fourth inning.

Even though the Sharks battheir whole lineup, they never

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se Cowan hit a hard drive past
rond base, which she stretched
o a triple with heads-up running,
wan came home when Jenna
bisky smacked a hard grounder
the middle for a base hit. Claire
tringer hit a line-drive single to

RBI, stole a base, and dashed me with a run. In the field, Louie stretched e a rubber band to catch an tat first. Lisie Dohrer threw toke from the mound and uck out two batters in her inag of pitching.

elson, Meyer, Kasrovi & Ung 10 Red Oak Realty 1
The first inning set the stage for evisiting Golden Bears as Kelsey edriksen belted a home run. by Riddley Kerr, Willa Keegan-

Older Division

lar catch by Hannah Pollack in left field kept the All Stars from tying the game.

Autumn Press remained strong in the fourth inning with Sarah Ball's smashing hit to center field to score Zoe Siegel.

Strategic Economic Panthers 13

Sendsational Lasers 3

Though the final score was lopsided, the teams played an exciting game — and one much tighter than the final score might indicate.

Laser Lyla Weinstein pitched a mean first inning, striking out three batters. The Panthers scored only a single run on Hannah Lyman's gutsy steal of home. Lyman was met in a cloud of dust by Laser catcher Emily Hecht, whose diving tag was only a fraction of a second late.

The bottom of the first was a mirror image of the top, with great Panther pitching, only one hit, and a steal of home by the Lasers' Hecht against Panther catcher Lyman.

Lasers pitched well in the top of the second inning, helping her-

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ne. "I was over it every time,"

USS Hornet Museum 3

Softball

Golf

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Mattingly third in ACCAL
In most ways, things went according to script at the ACCAL
golf championships.
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Course on Monday, the Alameda
Hornets swept to the team win
with 303 total shots to Berkeley's
323 and El Cerrito's 354.
The Hornets had won the
league's round-robin title, too,
with the Yellow Jackets second,
the Gauchos third. All three
teams entered the tourney having qualified for the next round
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'Rocky Horror' has nothing on 'Medea'

T'S ALTOGETHER fitting that "Medea," Shotgun Players second play in its 10th anniversary season, and hands-down champ in horror run amok, should be playing at the old UC Theatre — for 22 years the home of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

But let it be said fast and up front, Shotgun's production of the Euripides tragedy is not rocky; it's smooth with a professional gloss. And it stars — a word rarely used here — Beth Donohue in the title role. Donohue's bravura performance is mesmerizing as she stalks, glides and slithers around the thrust stage in front of the old theater curtain. And she gets strong support from Jason Frazier (Jason), Louis Landman (Creon) and Suzanne Voss (Nurse), and a well-chosen cast.

Russell Blackwood directs this 1947 adaptation by Robinson Jeffers seamlessly in an uninterrupted, headlong thrust from Voss' quiet entry and Medea's off-stage screams to the awful ending. It's strong meat, but you'll seldom see it more well done.

Don Seaver's original score, played by him on a pedal reed organ on stage, is an inspired touch. Mellie Katakalos' raised circular stage, and costumes by Keiko Shimosato, are perfect accompaniments to the action of this stunning production.

"Medea" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays through June 1. Tickets are \$18 general, \$12 for seniors, students and Theatre Bay Area members. Thursday performance are \$10 for all. Call 510-704-8210.



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LISA HORI-GARCIA appears in Impact Theatre's "Love is the

That's the set-up of Impact Theatre's latest presentation, "Love is The Law," a world pre-miere by Zay Amsbury. Christopher Morrison is direct-

Berkeley campus. Tickets are \$12 general, \$7 for students, with a pay-what-you-can pre-view on May 9. Call 510-464-4468.

EVENTS

Ashkenaz — Tonight: Obey-jah, Creation. Sat.: West African Highlife Band, SoVoSo. Sun.: Roma of Kosovo Benefit. Tue.: Courtableu. Wed.: Fling Ding: Dark Hollow, Stairwell Sisters, Evie Ladin. Thur.: Paris Combo. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054.

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Amazing 'Spider-Man' successfully springs from the page to the screen

By Mary F. Pols

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STAFF WRITTER

"Spider-Man" is not high art
by any means, but it is still that
rare thing, an event movie that
leaves you feeling chipper, entertained and sated rather than
ripped-off.

Director Sam Raimi ("The
Gift," "A Simple Plan") treats the
material at hand with the loving,
careful touch of someone who
knows and treasures this bedtime story as much as we do.
Tim Burton's "Batman" had Tim
Burton's mark all over it,
whereas Raimi's "Spider-Man"
feels more like the people's
Spidey sprung off the page and
onto the screen.

In case you've been ignoring
pop culture for the past 40 years,
the Spider-Man story, which debuted in August 1962, is a classsic nerd-to-superhero story, created by Marvel Comics executive
Stan Lee and character designer
Steve Ditko. Unlike some other
superheroes, Spider-Man doesn't have to take on a bumbling
persona to keep his identity a secret. His alter ego, awkward high
school student Peter Parker, has
been bumbling since birth, and
no one who knows him, even his
best friend Harry (James
Franco), would ever suspect him
of being anything but supersmart.
Peter wears thick blackmmed glasses, excels in his sci-

Franco), would ever suspect him of being anything but supersmart.

Peter wears thick blackrimmed glasses, excels in his science classes and is routinely picked on by other kids at school. He lives in the outer boroughs of New York City with his kindly, working-class Uncle Ben (Cliff Robertson) and Aunt May (Rosemary Harris). On a field trip to a science museum with his class, Peter is bitten by a genetically altered spider. The next morning he wakes up with some fabulous new abilities: He can shoot sticky, strong webs from here to eternity, clamber up brick walls freestyle, swing all over the place and sense trouble lurking in the wings.

After a brief period of using his new skills to frivolous ends—in one very furiny scene, the newly minted superhero participates in a wrestling match for pay, vs. Bone Saw McCraw (played by real-life World



TOBEY MAGUIRE and Kirsten Dunst are no swingers, but they do have chemistry in "Spider-Man."

REVIEW

- STARRING: Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson
- # RUNNING TIME: 2 hours, 1
- GRADE: B+

terest.

Willem Dafoe steps capably into the first void, in the form of the Green Goblin, a beetle-green meanie with the hip structure of C-3PO, while Kirsten Dunst plays Mary Jane Watson (M.J.), the beautiful red-haired girl who lives next door to Peter. Both are well cast, Dafoe because he's got such a great, demented face, and Dunst because she's both spunky and sexy. She and Maguire have such cute chemistry, it's hard not to get suckered into wanting them to be together.

And who wouldn't want to be with Peter Parker? Spider-Man, with his acrobatic grace and his goofy, almost animal-like poses, is a mighty cool guy. But Maguire gives Peter so much sweet soul that the unmasked boy is far more compelling than the suave George Clooney. The scenes where we watch Peter Parker? Spider-Man, with his acrobatic grace and his goofy, almost animal-like poses, is a mighty cool guy. But Maguire is a bit of a geek — a handsome geek, but a geek nonetheless. Being able to tap into that real duality of being is the ultimate prerequisite for portraying an interesting superhero; it's probably one of the main reasons why the most unlikely Batman of all, the far-from-conventionally-studly Michael Keaton, was so much better at the role than the suave George Clooney. The scenes where we watch Peter Parker figure out he's got some strange new abilities and then start experimenting with them are the best in the movie. The sight of Maguire checking was have a bit of a geek nonetheless. Being able to tap into that real duality of being is the ultimate prerequisite for portraying an interesting superhero; it's probably one of the main reasons why the most unlikely Batman of all, the far-from-conventionally-studly Michael Keaton, was so much better at the role than the suave George Clooney. The sight of Maguire checking out his suddenly buff physique the morning after the spider bite, his eyes wide first with astonishment, then with pleasure, is a right and as true to the world be such that real duality of being is the ultimate prerequ

NOW PLAYING

"AMELIE": A feel-good movie in the

"THE CAT'S MEOW": Director Peter Bogdanovich has been in a slump, and his latest — a fictionalized ac-count about the suspicious death of

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•The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:40, 4:35, 9:35

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39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000
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Renaissance Oaks Theatre 1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-•Hollywood Ending (PG-13) 7, 9:30. •The Rockie (G) 6:45, 9:15

Parkway Theater

Piedmont Theatre Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 4, 9
 The Cat's Meow (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45,

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witalian for Beginners (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:15.
Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.

Monster's Ball (R) 1:35, 4, 6:30, 9
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 12:55, 3:10,
5:55, 7:40, 15:55, 7:30, 3:10,

•The Scorpion King (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

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es Wild (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:15, 8, 10:30,

4:50, 7, 9:30.

Panic Room (R) 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:45.

Spider-Man (PG-13) 10:30, 11, 1:20, 1:50, 4:10, 4:40, 7, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20, 12:40.

The Scorpion King (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:50, 7:20, 10, 12:30.

10, 12:30. •The Sweetest Thing (R) 12.

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Renaissance Orinda Theatre *

:15, 9:45. Life or Something Like It (PG-13) 12, 2, 4, 6, 8,

The atre 359 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411
• Changling Lanes (R) 5, 7.40, 9.45.
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• The Scorpion King (PG-13) 4.30, 7.30, 9.40.

West Contra Costa

•Blade II (R) 10:15. •Changing Lanes (R) 10:20, 12:35, 3:05, 5:40. :kstoppers (PG) 10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25. •Deuces Wild (R) 10:15, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8,

●High Crimes (PG-13) 10:10. ●Ice Age (PG) 11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:35, 7:30.

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St. San Francisco 415-474-8700

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Panic Room (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55

Spider-Man (PG-13) 10, 10:40, 11:15, 11:45, 2:15, 12:45, 1:25, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50

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San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•Changing Lanes (R) 11:20, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25,
9:50, 12:20

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•Murder by Numbers (R) 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:20. •Spider-Man (PG-13) 1, 1:45, 4, 4:45, 7, 7:45, 10, ■The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 12:40, 4:30, 8:20.

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-352-0618
•The Cat's Meow (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40.

Clay Theatre 2951 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0610

Embarcadero Center Cinema *

Lumiere Theatre 1572 California St., San Francisco 415-352-0810 •Monster's Ball (R) 12, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10. •Very Annie Mary (Not Rated) 11:50, 2:15, 4:50, 9:45. ar (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 9:50.

The Red Vic Theatre

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3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087

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My Big Pat Greek Wedding (PG) 8:40, 11:10.

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Spider-Man (PG-13) 10, 40:40, 11:20, 12, 1:10.

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The Salton See (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20 10:20 •The Scorpion King (PG-13) 12:20, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:50, 12:50. •The Sweetest Thing (R) 3:10, 9:30.

Loews Imax Theatre

101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6200

Beauty and the Beast: Special Edition (G) 4:30.

Space Station 3D (Not Rated) 10:30, 12, 1:30, 3.

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Spider-Man

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Raimi's given us a lous time frame.

Perhaps unintentionally, the computer-generated images create a sort of retro, painterly, clearly faked look; you never think you're seeing a real man swing through real streets, Peter's boss at the paper, the flamboyant J. Jonah Jameson (J.K. Simmons, expertly chomping the scenery along with his cigar), represents a nearly extinct brand of newspaperman. And Raimi has even kept his starlet out of cutting-edge clothing, limiting Dunst to one pair of low-cut jeans.

So "Spider-Man" could be contemporary New York, or it could almost be New York 40 years ago. And that works, because this is a classic that people have been devouring for decades. But when Raimi drops Macy Gray into a scene, flailing about on a stage during a big outdoor celebration, suddenly the movie seems too rooted in present-day, and you wish he'd made another choice here, one less obviously intended to corre-

spond with the hit of spring 2002. You also wish someone had said no to Dr Pepper when they came calling for a product placement.

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The movie has been rated PG-13, and it's no more offensive than most PG-13 movies. That said, the MPAA's standards are, as usual, far too lax when it comes to violence. A bomb gets dropped at Spider-Man's feet in one scene, and the resulting blast blows off part of his mask, leaving it singed and melted. Then a bad guy gets killed by what amounts to a motorized pitchfork staking him to the side of a building. Both these images seem like inappropriate material for small children, and parents might want to give careful consideration to letting anyone under the age of, say, 10 see this.

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Which all calls to mind that classic volume on investing, a perennial business bestseller named "Where are the Customers' Yachts?"

The title comes from a story about a wealthy stockbroker who was down at a marina in lower Manhattan one day, ostentatiously showing off his yacht and the large vessels of his Wall Street colleagues to a neighbor. The neighbor wondered aloud:

"But. where are the customers' yachts?"

"But. where are the customers' yachts?"

MEDIA NOTES: It's the kind of thing that confirms women's worst suspicions about men: KNBR's talent-bereft Ralph Barbieri and his afternoon KNBR sidekick Tom Tolbert, who spent an entire segment one day this week discussing tennis pro/pin-up star Anna Kournikova's bra cup size. Real mature, guys.

Of course, if you've ever had the misfortune of hearing John London's pandering, juvenile morning show on KNBR, London makes Ralphie-Boy and Tom sound almost like grown-ups. It should come as no surprise, then, that despite having a big, 50,000-watt signal AND Giants' games, KNBR — once a perennial Top 10 station — is mired way down in 17th place in the latest local Arbitron radio ratings just released.

Speaking of which, newstalk

KGO, despite losing a whopping 150,000 listeners and a chunk of its audience share, placed first again this winter in those Arbitrons, extending its unbeaten string to 23 years. Second this time out was classy all-news KCBS.

But big talk station KGO did lose in one key ratings area, the 25- to 54-year-old demos, the most coveted. Light-rock KOIT AM-FM won the 25-54 title, and KOIT's classy morning man, Jack Kulp, came within a fraction of a ratings point of being the Bay Area's top-rated morning personality. And KGO's Disney corporate sister station, right-wing KSFO, home of rabid xenophobo Michael Sawage, also dropped in the Winter book in both major ratings categories.

The Weekend Ahead on

Winter book in both major ratings categories.

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TV: If you owned an electronics store and wanted the ultimate show to display on a wall of TV sets, it would definitely be Sunday's colorful, four-hour BBC production (airing a 7 p.m. on the Discovery Channel), "Blue Planet: Seas of Life." Prior to this, Discovery will air the first four hours of the acclaimed, eye-popping underwater nature series (which originally ran in January) Sunday at 3 p.m.
"If they gave a Nobel prize for wildlife filmmaking," said the Wall Street Journal review of this series filmed on seven continents, "these producers would get it."

Icing on the cake: Noted

Sunday's visually stunning marine show.

Also Sunday: About all I knew about Ulysses S. Grant before watching Sunday's topnotch, four-hour profile of the great Civil War general and scandal-plagued President on 'American Experience' (KQED, 9-11 p.m.) was this: He smoked cigars and drank a lot. He's on the \$50 bill. His army took Vicksburg. Robert E. Lee handed him his sword at Appomattox. And he's buried in a big tomb in New York City that I once visited as a kid.

But I now know a lot more things, thanks to this interesting PBS profile. Among them: Grant first started drinking heavily in Northern California — when he was stationed in soggy Eureka (at Fort Humboldt) in 1854. I also learned Sunday that historians are divided on whether Grant was an alcoholic. And a lot more. Check out "Grant" Sunday night. The concluding two hours airs on Channel 9 May 12.

Finally today, talented former "SCTV" star Dave Thomas

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Events

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UC Berkeley Botanical Garden — ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants. Tours — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children; free on Thursday. Call for hours. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. 510-643-2755, www.mip.berkeley.edu/garden.

Acci Gallery — "Jazz Night," through June 28. Four music events to benefit the ACCI Retrofit project. \$10. May 24, 8 p.m.: The Bob Schoen Quintet featuring Cheryl McBride. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527.

Angel Choir Concert — May 12, 5 p.m. \$10. First United Methodist Church, Ma-rina and West Richmond Ave., Richmond. 510-232-1102.

Richmond 510-232-1102.

Ashkenaz — Obeyjah, Creation, May 3, 9:30 p.m. \$11.
West African Highlife Band,
SoVoSo, May 4, 9 p.m. \$12 to
\$15. "Roma of Kosovo Benefit,"
May 5, 3 p.m. to midnight. Featuring Edessa, Anoush, Brass
Menagerie and the bellydance troupe United We Dance An afterenoon of music, dance and food. Proceeds benefit the gypsy people in Kosovo. \$10 to
\$20. Courtableu, May 7, 8:30 p.m. \$8. "Fling Ding": Dark
Hollow, Stairwell Sisters and Evie Ladin, May 8, 8 p.m. \$10.
Paris Combo, May 9, 8 p.m. \$10.
Paris Combo, May 9, 8 p.m. \$10.
Barry "The Fish" Melton
Band, Buffalo Roam, May 10, 8 p.m. A benefit for "Musicians for Medical Marijuana." \$15 general; free children under age 12. Tom Rigney, Flambeau, May 11, 9:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson at 8:30 p.m. \$11. Marley's Ghost, May 12, 8 p.m. \$8.

1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.
510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com

Blake's On Telegraph —
The People, Soulvine, May 3.
\$6. Shady Lady, New Monsoon.
May 4. \$6. "All Star Jam." May
6. Featuring The Steve Gannon
Band and Mz. Dee. \$4. ETA,
Sudden Vicious, May 7. \$3.
Love Kills Love, Go Kart Go,
May 8. \$5. Electronica with Ascension, May 9. \$5. Delfino,
View From Here, May 10. \$5.
First Circle, How To Win At
Life, May 11, \$6. Philboyd
Studge, Cracked Normans,
May 12, \$3. For ages 18 and
up. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367
Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510848-0886.

Burn Ramen — "The Freedom To Be Human Ball," May 4, 8 p.m. Featuring Frank Moore and The Cherotic All-Star Band, Amsterdam Poets Barry Fitton and Joke Kaviaar, Michael Peppe, Miri Hunter Haruach, ZA, and more. A benefit for Luver Radio. \$5 to \$550. 111 Espee Ave., Richmond. 510-526-7858 or www.eroplay.com

Cato's Ale House — Mo' Fone, May 5. Irish Session with fiddler Brian Theriault and oth-ers, May 8. Joe Yamamoto, May 12. Free. Shows at 6 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or www.mrcato.com

First Saturdays In Alameda
— May 4, 7:30 p.m. Featuring
Beth Waters and Alexis Harte,
pop/rock. \$5-\$10. Adelphian
Center for the Arts, 2167 Central Ave., Alameda. 510-8149262.

Freight And Salvage — Richard Shindell, May 3 and May 4. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Cris Williamson, May 5. \$18.50 to \$19.50. Y.All, David Roth, May 8, \$15.50 to \$16.50. Shana Morrison, May 9, \$15.50 to \$16.50. The Waybacks, May 10, \$16.50 to \$17.50. Robin Flower and Libby McLaren, May 11, \$17.50 to \$18.50. Due West, May 12, \$15.50 to \$16.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightand-salvage.org

Imusicast — KAYATrip, Jes-sical Will, PI, Amelia White, May 4, 8:30 p.m. DivaBands showcase.\$10. 5429 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-601-1024 or www.Imusicast.com

Kimballs East — Larry Carlton, May 3 and May 4, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and May 5, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$28. Najee, May 10 and May 11, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and May 12, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. \$28 to \$30, 6005 Shellmound St., Emeryville. 510-658-2555 or 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

La Pena Cultural Center — David Serva, Miguel Funi, May

3, 8 p.m. With dancer Clara
Mora, dancer singer Jose Torres
de Moron, and singer Antonio
de Jerez, \$20 to \$22. "Chicano
de Mayo," May 4, 8 p.m. Featuring La Paz, Prophets of Rage,
Psyents of Slang, \$10. "Amistades," May 10. 8 p.m. Original
and favorite Latin American
songs with Rafael Manriquez,
Quique Cruz, and Osvaldo Torres. \$10 to \$12. De Rompe y
Raja, May 11, 8 p.m. With guest
Miguel Espinosa. Dance performance and live music. \$13 to
\$15. "La Pena Community Chorus' Benefit," May 12, noon.
The afternoon, a benefit top
raise money for the Chorus to
go to Mexico, includes food, a
silent auction and entertainment by Lichi Fuentes and La
Pena Community Chorus. \$25
general; \$10 children under age
12. 510-635-5591. 3105 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or
www.lapena.org

924 Gilman St. — Hail Marys Pre-Teens, Tenth of Always, Caesura, Somsara, May 3. Born Dead Icons, Reagan SS, Kontrak lasse, SMD, Voetsek, May 4. \$5. Music at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926.

Saucy Sounds Of Spring — May 10-11, 8 p.m. The Oakland Youth Chorus presents a pro-gram of Cuban rhythms, Amer-ican spirituals and more. \$14-\$20. First Presbyterian Church, 27th and Broadway Ave., Oak-land. 510-287-9700.

Music At Trader Vic's Emeryville — Jazz at 5, ongo-ing. With Claudio Medeiros and Carlos Oliveira. No cover. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Trader Vic's Emeryville, 9

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The Starry Plough Pub —
Sleepy Time Gorilla Museum,
Brian Kenney Fresno, Majesty's
Monkey, May 3. \$10. Japonize
Elephants, Rube Waddell, Captured by Robots, May 4. \$6.
Bitches Brew, Mushroom, May
9, 9:30 p.m. \$5. Naked Barbies,
Calamity and Main, May 10,
9:30 p.m. \$7. Mason Jennings,
Nik Freitas, May 11, 9:30 p.m.
\$7. "Dance Class and Ceili,"
Monday, 7 p.m. Traditional
Irish music and dance. Free.
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Sign-ups at 7:30 p.m. Free. "Poetry Slam with Charles Ellik,"
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. \$7. "The
Starry Irish Music Session," led
by Shay Black, Sunday. Sliding
scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday
and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30
p.m. unless otherwise noted.
3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.
510-841-2082.

Yoshi's — Joe Henderson Tribute," through May 5. Rufus Reid, musical director, with Kenny Barron, Stefon Harris, Javon Jackson, Lewis Nash. Yoshi's 5th Anniversary Celebration at Jack London Square. \$22 to \$26; Sunday matinee: \$5 children, \$10 per adult with one child, \$26 Sunday evening. Contra Costa Big Band, Clairdee, May 6. \$15 general; \$12 students. Brad Mehldau Trio, May 7 through May 12. Tuesday through Thursday, \$18 to \$22; Sunday matinee: \$5 kids, \$10 per adult with one kid, \$18 general. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

Theater

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley — "Long Day's Journey Into Night through May 11. Eugen O'Neill's story of the Tyrone family. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and May 9. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. \$10. Reservations: 510-528-5620.



Aurora Theatre Company—

"The Entertainer" opens May
10 and continues through June
16. Three generations of a family of entertainers wrestle with
personal ambition and loyalty
to both family and tradition. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St.,
Berkeley. \$26-\$35. 510-843-4822
or www.auroratheatre.org.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre

"Oliver!" through May 25. 8
p.m. Fri./Sat. and 2 p.m. Sundays no matinee on May 19.
\$10-\$17. 951 Pomona Ave., El
Cerrito. Reservations, 510-5249132.

East County Arts Network Hotline — Automated system lists current performance infor mation for five East Contra Costa theater groups: 925-625-5986

The Flying Karamazov
Brothers — "L'Universe,"
through May 19. This new
show, created in collaboration
with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Media
Lab, is a multi-media, hi-tech
extravaganza combining science, juggling, music and comedy to explain the nature of the
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the day of the performance except for Saturday. Tuesday
through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday,
1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; May 9,
noon and 8 p.m.; May 11, 4:30
p.m. and 8 p.m.; NO PERFORMANCES MAY 10. The Roda
Theatre, 2025 Addison St.,
Berkeley, 510-647-2949 or
www.fkb.com

"Guys 'R Dolls: The Cast Of Finocchi" — May 4 through July 28.An amazing and funny female impersonation show in a classic vaudevillian style review. The revival of a San Francisco tradition that ran for 63 years at the Finocchi Club in North Beach. \$39.95. May 4, 8 p.m.; May 19, June 1, June 23, July 14 and July 28, 3 p.m. The Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave., Oakland. 415-551-9785.

Impact Theatre — "Love is the Law" opens May 10 and

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Shotgun Players — "Medea"

TheatreFIRST — "The

Comedy

Kimball's East — "Live Comedy," Thursdays, 7 p.m. \$10 cover. Emerybay Public Market, 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville.510-658-2555, 510-762-BASS or www.kimballs.com

Cal Performances —
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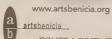
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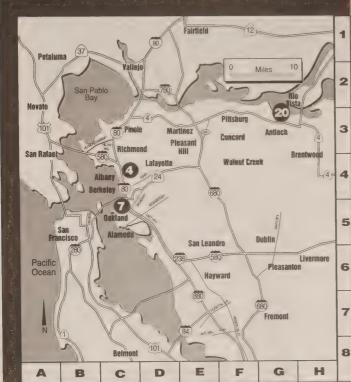
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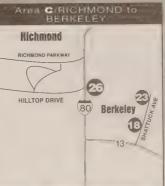
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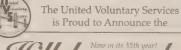
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Sydney is 3. Richard is 8. And they aren't the youngest chefs in the kitchen these days.

Like keepers of an oven flame, today's kids are reveiling in the art of cookery, donning aprons and hats for the heck of it and savoring every bite of what they make.

The art and enjoyment of cooking, forged decades ago by grandma, might have been lost to a generation of Luna Bar-munching, sushi-loving baby boomers — if not for their kitchen-loving kids.

Perhaps the credit lies with famous television chefs who've made cooking superstar 'cool.' Or perhaps learning to cook is a talent today's latchkey kids developed because they got too hungry to wait till their working parents got home.

Either way, a children's cooking boom is under way, and countless media pander to petite chefs. Attendance at classes has skyrocketed in the past year or two, teachers say.

Surf the Web and find sites like Kids Cooking Club, a San Diego company with prepackaged, themed cooking kits, or 'Cooking with Kids for Dummies," one of the latest in the "dummy" book series.

That's lesson No. 1, according to Davis.

On a recent Wednesday, Davis Gred up an electric stove at the daycare center to teach toddlers and preschoolers how to make flatbread pizza and decorated sugar cookies. Two babies joined the lesson, festooning dough with sprinkles, chocolate chips and raisins at a miniature table.

The pizzas were frighteningly gourmet, piled with mushrooms, spinach and, yes, even broccoil. One boy took 15 minutes to finish his masterpiece. Twin sisters requested the broccoil topping.

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"I always liked cooking," said the sixth-grader. "Saturday mornings in the restaurant, I'd make scrambled eggs, or get leftover dough and make stuff."

For Jake's culinary tutelage, eager local students pay \$75 for a two-hour class and \$2,000 for the "culinary weekend package" with overnights at Embassy Suites or the Four Seasons Hotel.

But while Jake grew up watching his parents cook, most kid chefs become interested through Food Network and PBS-TV lineups that include a moped-riding "Naked Chef," Emeil Lagasse with a live band, and "Iron Chef," a dinner production choreographed like an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie.

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When cooked al dente — soft on the outside but firm to the tooth on the inside of the strand of pasta — dump the spaghetti into a colander to drain.

Run cold water across the pasta to stop the cooking and continue draining.

Put colander of drained spaghetti back inside the boiling pot, which was emptied and rinsed when you poured the spaghetti into the colander.

Cover and set aside until ready to serve.

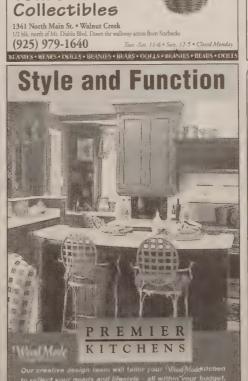
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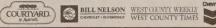


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Arrange the tomato slices on a plate, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

In a large skillet, heat the oil over a medium flame. When the oil is hot, add the tomatoes one or two at a time and fry until brown on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels to remove excess oil. Serve immediately.

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Preparation 45 minutes, includes 30 minutes chilling. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from "In the World Kitchen" by the California Culinary Academy, Bay Books.

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GAZPACHO

6 pounds tomatoes

½ cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 1 cup)
1 small red onion, chopped
5 cloves garlic, peeled and compensate for lackiuster tometoes.

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1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
2 tablespoons fresh parsley,

2 tablespoon blanched almonds
4 cups tomato juice
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
2 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro,
chooped

to taste
½ cup green bell pepper, finely
diced, for garnish
½ cup slivered almonds, for
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for garnish

½ cup fresh parsley, minced, for garnish 1 cup croutons, for garnish In a blender, combine all the ingredients except the garnish and process until smooth. Use a mesh strainer to strain the soup into a large bowl. Cover and chill for 2 to 3 hours.

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soft dough. Don't overmix or the fritters will be tough.

Preheat the oven to 200 F. Dust your palms with flour. Scoop about 2 heaping tablespoons (the size of a golf ball) of the fritter mixture into your palm and press to form a small patty, about 2 inches wide and ½ inch thick. Repeat until all the dough is used, making about 12 patties. The dough will be soft and a little sticky; flour your hands between each patty.

In a large skillet over a medium flame, heat ¼ inch of oil until the surface ripples and small bubbles rise slowly around a chopstick inserted into the oil.

Place several of the fritters in the oil at a time, leaving about 1 inch between them on all sides.

Cook the fritters until they are





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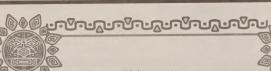
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